



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 442

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing:

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

In April 2008, the Nebraska Equal Opportunity's largest financial contract was placed in jeopardy due to the lack of enforcement of Nebraska's Fair Housing laws by the Attorney General. The loss of those needed funds was roughly \$127,000 during the few months the federal contract was frozen. This caused a difficult financial year for the agency.

LB 442 allows the Nebraska Equal Opportunity in house counsel to provide those who have been discriminated against access to justice when the Attorney General refuses to prosecute.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Brenda Council